

REMARKS


Claim 1 has been amended to call for the rate control unit to adjust a bit rate of an output from the compression block based on quantization data from the decoder. This is explained, for example, in paragraph 23, last sentence, and shown in Figure 2 at 134, middle line, running from the decoder to the rate control 270.

In contrast, the Moroney reference teaches some kind of rate control based on user input. There is no indication that rate control is based on anything from the decoder, much less quantization data. Moreover, it does not appear that there is any provision of quantization data from the decoder to anything responsible for rate control in the encoder.

Similarly, reconsideration of amended claim 24 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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